

THE Shepherd's Fold

September 15, 2024

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

DEAR FRIENDS

I write to you with a heart full of mixed emotions. It is with a profound sense of both excitement and grief that I share with you that my last day at Episcopal Day School will be December 31, as I have accepted a call to become the Rector of St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Lexington, South Carolina. This new chapter represents a significant change in my journey, and it is important to me that I communicate this news to you personally.

Serving at EDS has been a deep and abiding blessing. From the moment I walked through the doors, I was enveloped in a spirit of warmth, kindness, and unwavering support. It has been an honor to be a part of a community that truly lives out the call to love and nurture. Each day here has been a testament to the power of shared faith and mutual care, and I will forever cherish the relationships and memories we have built together. The children, the families, and the entire staff have touched my heart in ways I cannot fully express. I will miss you all dearly.

As I prepare for this transition, I am comforted by the knowledge that God's work always continues in the cherished communities we leave behind. I trust that the same love and dedication that have shaped our time together will continue to flourish in our respective futures. While the farewell is bittersweet, I am excited for what lies ahead and hopeful for the continued growth both of Episcopal Day School and of the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd.

I am excited to share the next four months with you, and beyond that, please know that you will always hold a special place in my heart. I look forward to seeing how God will continue to work through each of you, and I am grateful for the privilege of having been part of your lives. May the peace of Christ be with you always.

With deep gratitude and affection,

Sonia Sullivan Clifton

WELCOME

Mark your calendars to welcome the 16th rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, the Rev. Dr. Porter C. Taylor. His first Sunday will be October 6, but we will officially welcome him with a reception on **October 27, 2024**. Join us at 6:30 pm. The nursery is available. Please scan the QR code to **RSVP by October 13th**.



WEDNESDAYS AT GOOD SHEPHERD

Wednesdays at Good Shepherd kicks off with Bingo night, October 2nd! Come eat dinner, play games, spend time with old friends and new, and maybe win a prize! Dinner is WifeSaver chicken, mac & cheese and banana pudding: 6 pm, Bingo: 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm. \$6 (ages 11 +), \$4 children ages 4-10, children 3 and under eat free. The family max price is \$25. To register scan the QR code here.



CONFIRMATION CLASSES

“INQUIRERS” CLASS ends **Sunday, September 22nd**. These classes are led by Bunny+ and Joe+ and are designed for anyone seeking Confirmation or Reception into the church. That service will take place when the bishop visits us on **Sunday, September 29th**. For additional information call **Fr. Joe 706-294-2638**. **Classes meet in the small parish hall.**

KANUGA PARISH WEEKEND

The Parish weekend has been changed to October 25-27. Our new rector Porter, his wife Rebecca,

and their children, Jet, Case and Ellis will be attending. Plan on spending time with the Taylor family and with your Good Shepherd family in the beautiful North Carolina Mountains! We will have activities for kids and youth, s'mores by the fire, a cabin crawl, drinks and compline on the lake, movie and game night, hiking, and more. This is a fun weekend that you do NOT want to miss. Pick up a form in the lobby or register online: **bit.ly/gskanuga**. Deadline to register is **September 25th**.

COGS

Our next volunteer project will be at Phinizy Center and Nature Park, **1858 Lock and Dam road**, which is a non-profit providing leadership for sustainable watersheds and economic vitality through research, education, and by connecting people with nature. The vision is that every community will have a healthy environment that includes clean water and watersheds. This will take place from **9 am to 12pm on September 28th**. Youth or children can come accompanied by parents. Everyone who comes must have work gloves, safety goggles, and refillable water bottles. I will have extra work gloves and goggles as needed. It is recommended that folks have comfortable closed toe shoes/boots that you don't mind getting muddy, outdoor clothing appropriate for the weather, sunscreen, sunglasses, and hat. We will have extra bug spray. Please let Lynn Tyson know **ltyson517@gmail.com or 706-833-7415** if you are interested in volunteering. Also, if folks have battery operated drills with charged batteries, clippers for plants, various drill bits (t25 and t20), hammers, pry bars, tape

measurers, battery operated circular saws, saw table/horses, or battery operated reciprocating saws, as well as squares bringing these supplies would be helpful. There is plenty of work to be done other than carpentry so everyone's effort is needed. What a wonderful way of providing stewardship for God's creation.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Bring your furry, feathered, or scaled friend for a drop-in pet blessing on the church lawn! The COGS clergy, including our new rector, will be blessing pets on **Saturday, October 5 from 10:00am - 12:00pm**. Pet treats provided. We are accepting donations for DNA - Dog (and cat) Networking Agents. They need puppy pads, dog and cat food, and pet treats.

Al-Anon

Are you affected by someone else's drinking? AlAnon may be able to help. All meetings are confidential. AlAnon meeting held in the conference room every **Wednesday at 7:30p**. Questions? **Call 706-799-4060**.

FLU VACCINE CLINIC

DON'T LET THE FLU GET YOU!!!
Flu Vaccine Clinic, **September 15th 8:30 am-12:00 pm**. Most insurance and Medicare plans accepted. Cash price \$40 under age 65. \$90 over age 65. Provided by Surrey Center Pharmacy, **Call (706)738-4558** for questions.

Head to the Shell Newsletter for details & to sign-up for up coming events. For any questions, email Mary Grace Wynn at mgwynn@goodshepherd-augusta.org.

YOUTH GROUP:

Youth Group meets this Sunday, **September 15th!** We look forward to a fun evening of fellowship, games, and dinner! Youth Group schedule is as follows:

- **5:00 - 6:00 pm: Rite-13:** Meet in Youth Lounge (Room 303)
- **6:00 - 6:30 pm: Rite-13 & J2A:** Gather for Dinner in Small Parish Hall
- **6:30 - 7:30 pm: J2A:** Meet in Youth Lounge (Room 303)

ACOLYTE TRAINING:

To acolyte during the 2024-2025 program year, students must attend Acolyte Training this Sunday from 1-2pm. The Acolyte Program is open to grades 3rd and up. To serve as Crucifer, please stay for Crucifer training from 2-2:30pm. Open to grades 8th and up.

MIDDLE SCHOOL PRAYER BREAKFAST:

Thank you to everyone who helped make our first Prayer Breakfast back together a fun morning with 30 students in attendance! We look forward to gathering again this coming **Tuesday, the 17th**. Head over to the shell for more information.

Servers of the Shepherd

Sunday, September 15, 2024

8:00 am

Celebrant..... Joe Bowden
PreacherBunny Simon Williams
Organist Wayne Lord
Lay Readers Camilla Davis, Mitzi McCoy

9:00 am

Celebrant..... Joe Bowden
PreacherBunny Simon Williams
Organist & ChoirmasterJim Nord
Lay Readers Bob Nesbit, Yvonne Harrison
Verger..... Gene Rollins
Ushers John Stewart, Drew Daniel

11:15 am

Celebrant..... Joe Bowden
PreacherBunny Simon Williams
OrganistJim Nord
Lay Readers Heather Wheeler, Lynn Smith
Verger..... Rob Dennis
UshersPaul Trotter, Mike Leverett

6:00 pm

Celebrant & Preacher..... Joe Bowden
OrganistNick Lowery
Lay Readers Faith Moore, Anne Floyd

All Services

Altar Guild Team V
Breakfast Ministry Team III
Vestry Person of the Day John Manton

CHRISTIAN FORMATION AT GOOD SHEPHERD

SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 10:00

CHILDREN'S FORMATION:

- **Three Year Olds:**

Level I Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Room 305

- **PK-K:**

Level I Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Room 306

- **1st-3rd Grades:**

Level II Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Room 304

- **4th and 5th Grades:**

Weaving God's Promises, Room 302

STUDENT FORMATION:

- **Rite-13:** Lead by Jessica Perry and Taylor McCutcheon, Room 208

- **J2A:** Lead by Katie Wynn and Brice Wright, Room 303

ADULT FORMATION:

- **Exploring Faith: Room 209** Join Matt Matson for a participant-led discussion of the Bible and how our faith impacts our daily lives. Formerly called the "Young Adults Class" this class has traditionally been comprised of people with school-aged children, but all are welcome.

- **Sawmill Theology:** Join Ken Hardy, **September 8th** at 10 am in the Conference Room, as he shares God Stories.

